Overview by the Municipal Manager:

Mr. Yunus Chamda

The Sedibeng District Municipality remains focused on delivering on its mandate and functions and I am happy to be getting this maximum cooperation from the whole staff and colleagues from the Local Municipalities, Private sector and other Spheres of government.

We have developed our strategies based on the review of the Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy (SGDS) to come to the second that informed our Integrated Development Plan (IDP). Appended hereto as Annexure "A" is a report on progress attained in the implementation of the Second generation GDS. In the next financial year, I will be concluding the process of organisational review that is inclusive of resources required to implement such as organisational structure.

The process of reviewing the organisational structure has been delayed due to the imminent structural changes in the governance model for the region.

Amongst other considerations in achieving the strategy as adopted by Council, we will make certain that compliance with the minimum competency requirement for Senior Management and the other managers tasked with the Financial Management. At the moment an audit of the current competence of these managers has been completed. It has given us a clear picture of where we are at this point.

We remain proud with the efforts we have put on both the level of awareness about service delivery record, information dissemination, stakeholder engagements and the public participation processes. These efforts have paid off as manifested by less service delivery protests experienced during the current financial year. Flagship projects identified under the Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy which are in the implementation phase are progressing well and at the same time, progress on the implementation of some other projects will be announced during the State of the District Address.

We have made visible strides with our partners through the Neighbourhood Development Programme Grant to give former townships necessary facelift. National Government is currently reviewing the mandate of the NDPG so that it is utilised as a vehicle to achieve the objectives of the National Development Plan on urban development targeting high capacity urban municipalities.

The Sedibeng District Municipality has made a huge investment over the years in Optic fibre thus improving connectivity in the region. A call is made to the Local municipalities in the region, other spheres of government and the private sector, to contribute to the project in order to expand the success that has been achieved so far.

The successes are recorded in the sharp decline in the levels of crime especially in the central business district and former townships where CCTV cameras, improved connectivity and functional information, communication and technology are all the strides and successes we have registered singularly as a district municipality and collectively as a community of Sedibeng, would not have been possible without

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harmonious relations with our Unions in particular and other stakeholders, in general. Thank you for your continued support and advice.

We have had reasonable and stable labour peace in our environment and this is attributed to functional relationship we continue to enjoy with the Unions within the Local Labour Forum and this relationship will be even more important as we move forward. In the Administration, we have successfully transferred the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the Gauteng Provincial Department of Health. The transition was well managed thanks to the immense sacrifices and understanding of parties involved.

We continue to work hard to reduce the cost of running this municipality through employing austerity measures including realizing value for money. The transfer of Emergency Medical Services has gone a long way to stabilize our cash flows in that regard. All the financial and non-financial measures in the next financial year are geared towards improving our audit performance from the unqualified audit to a clean audit opinion consistent with the operation “Clean Audit”.

We have put our ducts in a row to achieve a clean audit. To this end we have made new appointments of members for the Audit Committee for a period of three (3) years and I have no doubt that the skill mix in the Committee will help us to achieve the clean audit objective. Oversight by the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) has brought new impetus and focus within the municipality.

The Integrated Development Plan we are presenting here has been structured in accordance with the legal requirements of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000. In 2012 the Sedibeng District Municipality adopted a four year IDP stretching from 2012 to 2017. Legislation dictates that the IDP is reviewed every year.

To this end the IDP we are presenting is the review of the financial year 2012/13. The diagnostic analysis conducted has assisted us to determine service delivery gaps and backlogs thus enabling us to craft relevant strategies and sector plans. These are captured in detail herein. In order to ensure streamlined development in the entire region we developed a Spatial Development Framework to which all development should be aligned.

In order to achieve the plans and objectives we have set for the 2013/14 financial year we have allocated a budget which defines the resources to be used. In this IDP we have also looked critically at the objectives we intend to achieve and how performance to will be monitored. These objectives adhere to the principles of being Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound. As a consequence thereof monitoring and evaluation will be more targeted and progressive.

Pursuant to co-operative governance we have aligned our plans with those of the Local Municipalities and other spheres of government, more specifically those of Gauteng Provincial Government.

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